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Dear Luria:

Thanks lots for your congratulations and kind comments which I certainly appreciate.

I cannot help but feel that I.U. will be the gainer if things turn out for you as you indicate they probably will, and I certainly hope that the situation here can be speedily built up so as to make you really want to stay. I have heard nothing about your arrangements on this end and do not know how the negotiations for a biochemist are proceeding. I have met with no success whatever and would be glad if you have any suggestions as to possibilities.

I have not done much thinking yet about the course on the Genetics of Microorganisms, but would be glad to talk it over with you this summer, particularly to see what we need to order in the way of apparatus. I suspect that I shall have to go pretty slowly the first time on developing the laboratory work since I have had no experience myself in handling Yeast and Neurospora, but this will not bother me too much because the course will be for graduate students mainly anyway, and the arrangements can be very flexible. We will do what we can in developing the laboratory this time and try to improve it in subsequent presentations. I shall have enough to keep me busy in just learning the status of the field and organizing it for presentation. I should be most pleased if you would handle the part on the Viruses and Bacteria in your own way, both in the lecture and in the laboratory, but I certainly do not want to throw any burden upon you that you would not like to have. This, too, we can discuss in July.

We have some rather exciting developments in the laboratory, and I hope to be able to discuss them fully with you when we get together. No, Metz will not be here next year as he has been appointed Instructor at Yale which is fine for him. So far as I know now, we will have three or four graduate students in the Fall who will be working with me, and it looks to me like a very good group indeed.

With best regards to you and your good wife,

Yours,